



Twin Cities Connection

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President's Message

Greetings my UMW Sisters!

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly over! I was pleased to see so many of you at School of Christian Mission. The studies were all wonderful. If you missed SCM you have an opportunity to get an overview on September 26 at Lake Harriet UMC. Even if you attended SCM invite a couple of friends and come to Mini SCM. It's a great opportunity to learn more, have a wonderful lunch, and visit with your UMW sisters. I have attended the past two years and encourage you to come too.

I've truly enjoyed my daily walks with beautiful flowers, cute bunnies, chirping birds and even a deer...but best of all NO BUGS! I will miss these daily outdoor walks when the snow and ice arrive but in the meantime my favorite season approaches. I love the autumn leaves and crisp evenings. I love the many opportunities to spend time with my UMW sisters. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on September 19 at Brooklyn UMC and the Mini School of Mission on September 26 at Lake Harriet UMC.

On October 3 our District has the added bonus of hosting the Conference meeting at Richfield UMC so it is in our very own district and EASY to get to! October 12 is the Emma Norton Services Annual Dinner at the Sheraton. There is no cost to attend the dinner but all guests will be asked for a donation to support the work of Emma Norton Services.

I want every woman in the TC District to know that they are part of a wonderful mission oriented organization. There is a lot of transition happening in Twin Cities District. Edgewater/Emmanuel is merging with Richfield and Asbury is merging with Oakland Avenue. Hopkins UMC has closed and members are looking for new places to worship. Portland Avenue is looking for new ways to keep their UMW active with the change in their leadership team. Please keep all of your UMW sisters in prayer during this time. Even if there is not a local unit at your church you are invited to join your sisters several times a year-District Meetings in January, April, and September, School of Christian Mission in July, and Minnesota Conference UMW meeting in October.

If you have access to the internet, please visit www.myumw.com where you will find a lot of information regarding events in Twin Cities District and Minnesota Conference UMW. There is a calendar of events, list of officers and photos, list of shepherding churches, list of churches in the district, registration forms for events, photo galleries, list of local unit sponsored events, and so much more. If you want to submit anything to the "webmaster" please email sandrimeyer51@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! ASSEMBLY 2010 in St. Louis is April 29-May 2. hope that MANY of you will attend.

I am looking forward to seeing soon. In Christ's Love, Sandy

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2008 READING PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 2008 Reading Program. The Roman Numeral after the person's name is the Reading Plan they participated in. The following participants were not listed in the March newsletter.

Phyllis Kieser, Secretary of Program Resource

NORMANDEALE HYLANDS UMC

1. Kaye Aho I
2. LaVonne Dea I
3. Norma Dom I
4. Paulette Malecek I

PORTLAND AVENUE UMC

1. Caroline M. Riley I
2. Ruby B. Madsen I

SIMPSON UMC

1. Mary Gates I
2. Virginia Peery II
3. Charlotte Grey III



THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION – MORE THAN SCHOOL

by Diane Jachymowski, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

I recently returned from attending the School of Christian Mission. I am not only appreciative of the new learning and insights, but also the glow of being surrounded by great women of faith, and the rich sharing and worship that took place. I was inspired by the strong, joyful women of all ages who creatively lead in mission despite a variety of difficult problems and obstacles. I loved to hear the real life faith stories of women who persevere and humbly overcome overwhelming hardships in their lives. The beautiful grounds of St. John's campus is the perfect setting for meaningful conversation. This year, our bishop, Sally Dyck, sat down at the table with us during meals as we shared thoughts and ideas. I know of no other place that offers this great bounty of blessings. The School of Mission is a place for renewal and refreshment of the soul. This year I returned with a pair of beautiful wool slippers knitted by a young mother who prayed for me while she made them. I will think about her this winter as they keep me warm. If you missed the experience this year, treat yourself to this one-of-a-kind gathering next year. There are scholarships available if needed. All women are truly welcomed and uplifted in friendship and love.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Phyllis Kieser

Be sure that your unit has ordered the *United Methodist Women Handbook 2009 - 2012*. The new handbook consolidates into a single volume Local and District Units, Finance, Constitution, and Bylaws, and A Guide to Program Planning. This will be available at our September 19 meeting for \$17.

The \$35 United Methodist Women Sampler Subscription is more convenient than ever! Your 2009 Sampler Subscription will include:

- 2009 Spiritual Growth Study "Food and Faith"
- 2009 - 2010 Mission Study "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan"
- 2010 Program Book
- 2010 Prayer Calendar
- 2010 Date Book
- Updated Women's Division literature and resources

Order or renew your 2009 United Methodist Women Sampler Subscription before January 31 and receive a complimentary United Methodist Women Program Calendar 2009 - 2012. Order by visiting the Mission Resource Center website at <http://www.missionresourcecenter.org/wdstore/default.asp> or by calling 1-800-305-9857. Stock # 6011 -UMW Sampler-\$35 Mailing Subscription \$35.

Attend the Saturday, September 19 Annual Meeting at Brooklyn Center UMC. Check out the 2010 Reading Program materials.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MEETING AUGUST 8

Church Women United are meeting Saturday, August 8, 2009 (9:15 a.m.) at the Chaska Moravian Church, 115 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN 55318. Keynote Speaker: Jodi Pfarr of Emma Norton Services. Meeting and Lunch - - \$15. Registrations should be sent to: Mavis Gessner, 1008 North 6th Street, Mankato, MN 56001

SOCIAL ACTION

*We come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy.
We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.
We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless
tales of senseless violence, greed, and death.*

*We come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching
from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share.*

*We come clinging to our meager lunches;
bless them and us.*

break them and us.

share them and us.

*Gathered into this community of Christ, may we comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the abundant
love of God.*

God provides all that we need – and more – and we are filled with fullness of God.

Let us live as God's people. Amen

When I read this prayer of confession by Kathleen Hawker, it spoke to all of the things that make Social Action difficult, especially in these uncertain times. We should remember the story of the Loaves and Fishes and trust in God. If we would all share what we have, there is more than enough for everyone.

We also let the overwhelming suffering in the world be an excuse to do nothing. No one said that you have to solve all the world's problems, only that each of us made a serious effort on at least one of them.

One of this year's Social Action priorities is the elimination of poverty in Minnesota by 2020. It was exciting to see the legislature pass this as a goal and set up a commission to study it. When the Commission made its final report last January there were a lot of good ideas for everyone to tackle based on talking to real people in poverty. It seems that all of this advice was totally ignored in the wake of the budget deficit and refusal to share the pain equitably. In fact, poverty is much worse and those who are trying to deal with it (such as Emma Norton) have significantly less to work with.

One way to deal with these issues is to join congregations across the country that will be participating in the National Observation of Children's Sabbath. (October 18, but you can do it when it works for you) This year's theme, *Create Change for Children Today: Bring Hope and a Better Tomorrow* focuses on children in poverty, children's health care, and the pipeline to prison. In this time of economic hardship, it is more important than ever to insure that our children do not fall through the cracks. Children's Sabbath is a great way to get your congregation aware of and involved in children's issues. If you do not have a Children's Sabbath manual, you can download it by going to the jrlc.org website and looking under ICAN or call 612-230-3234 to have one sent to you.

Join the TC UMW Social Action Email Network and pass the information on to other members of your unit/circle/church by photocopy or email. Email (jprudden22@aol.com) or call me (952-926-1458). If your church is doing something that others need to know about, let me know and I will pass it on to the rest of the network.

Thank you for all you do, Joyce Prudden, Social Action Coordinator

INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION – Mini School

Come to an "Introduction to School of Christian Mission", sometimes known as a Mini School, on Saturday, September 26, 2009 sponsored by the Lake Harriet UMW. The day is intended to introduce this year's 3 UMW studies (Sudan, Native American Survival, and Food and Faith). All women are encouraged to attend as well as men and youth. The day begins at 8:45 a.m. with welcoming coffee and worship. There will be one hours sessions for each study; 2 in the morning and 1 after a delicious lunch catered by We Cook. You may register with Marge Spannus at gmargie61@earthlink.net or 952-831-1965. The fee for the day is \$20. Lake Harriet UMC is at 4901 Chowen Avenue South in Minneapolis.

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Naomi Yaeger, the Minnesota UMW Green Team representative, to speak on Green Team projects! Naomi lives in Duluth and attends First United Methodist Church. She is a freelance photographer and writer and edits a community monthly newspaper, "The Hillside". She started as a Green Team member while living in Grand Forks, N.D. and serving as co-president of UMW. As a reporter in Grand Forks she covered a community fighting the relocation of a landfill near their town. The Green Team and environmental consciousness has changed her life. She now thinks twice when shopping for everyday little things like soap, clothing and food. If having a cup of coffee means using a Styrofoam cup, she goes without. Purchases are no longer just about the product, but about how much waste will need to be disposed after the product is brought home.

The annual meeting for the Twin Cities District, United Methodist Women, will be held at Brooklyn United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 19.



Registration and morning coffee will open at 9 a.m., with gathering for singing in the sanctuary at 9:30. The worship service will follow, with the Emma Norton Tea (coffee break) following. The checks and cash given at this time help us make our goal for support of Emma Norton Services for the year, so plan to give generously.

The business meeting will complete the rest of the morning session. Following lunch, our speaker will be Naomi Yaeger. She will discuss with us the direction the Green Team is taking concerning global warming, clean energy and other environmental issues of concern to all women. You won't want to miss her.

The Resource Room and other displays will be available for your browsing during free times.

Registrations may be made with Carol Foster, either by calling her at 763-537-3678 or emailing to GRUMPYTF@aol.com. Please include the following information:

Name _____

Church _____

Need child care? _____ If yes, name and age of child. Please bring a bag lunch for each child. Snacks will be provided.

Deadline for registering is Tuesday, September 14. Cost is \$8.00, payable at the door.

Directions to Brooklyn UMC: Take 694 W to Brooklyn Blvd exit; turn right on Noble Ave. Parking lot is across street from church.

THE METHODIST HOSPITAL SERVICE LEAGUE

The Methodist Hospital Service League is very grateful to all the sewers, knitters and crocheters that work so faithfully to supply various needs for the patients of the hospital. Some of the most popular projects include walker bags, chemo caps, premie/baby hats, finger puppets, and of course, the prayer shawls. These homemade treasures add a personal touch to a patient's stay in the hospital and the patients know that someone is caring and praying for them, even though they have never met. What a special feeling that gives them!

I have several of the most requested patterns converted to a PDF file. If you would like to receive these patterns, just send me an email and I will send the PDF to you. My email address is grumpytf@aol.com. No email, then call me at 763 537-3678 and I'll be glad to send you hard copies of specific patterns through the US mail.

Please bring your completed projects to our district meeting on September 19. I will then get them to Methodist Hospital for you. Be sure to enclose a note with your bundled projects that includes an inventory of **all** the items being sent as well as the name of your church/UMW and the name and address of **one** member who will receive an acknowledgement from the Service League.

Thank you for your generous gift of time and love to the patients of Methodist Hospital.

Carol Foster, TC Methodist Hospital Representative

UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The Unit Member of the Year, a program established by the MN Conference UMW Executive Committee in 2004, presents an award annually to one outstanding local unit member from each of the five districts of the conference. Each district establishes its own criteria and chooses its own member of the year. All five chosen members are recognized at the MN Conference Annual Meeting. Twin Cities, in addition, recognizes its Unit Member of the Year at its fall meeting. (The Member of the Year may expect some reimbursement of expenses at these meetings.)

Each local unit in Twin Cities is invited to submit a nomination of one of their local members to receive the award. The TC UMW Member of the Year Award Committee will make the selection from the nomination submitted. The committee has established two criteria for nominees. 1) The woman must be a current active UMW member in a local unit of the TC District. 2) She must have made significant contributions to UMW, church, and/or her local/U.S/world community. TC does not consider current or past elected or appointed Women's Division, Jurisdiction, Conference and District officers for this award. Women previously nominated can be nominated again.

When choosing a nominee, local units are encouraged to think not only of the woman with the long cumulative record of service, but also of the woman, perhaps younger or newer to UMW, who has already made significant contributions to her UMW, church and/or community.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES: When making the nomination, it is important to help the committee get to know the nominee better. Do not simply list achievement, contributions, etc. Help the committee to understand her special gifts and graces by providing a description of how they have been used to contribute to and provide leadership in mission.

Prepare a written nomination containing the following information:

1. Name, address, phone and e-mail of the nominee
2. A description of the nominee's gifts and graces and how they have been used to contribute to and provide leadership in mission.
 - a. in the spiritual, nurturing and outreach ministries of UMW
 - b. in the church
 - c. in the community (local/U.S./world)
3. Name, phone, address and/or e-mail of a contact person for the nominating group or individual

Send the nomination **on or before September 1, 2009** to **Carolyn Doyle**, 921 Overton Dr. NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Questions: 763-571-4589. Thank you! In God's Love, Carolyn

SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA

To pick up sewing kits and return completed uniforms:

Contact: Annette Brandner

1417 148th Ave. NW, Andover, MN 55304

Questions: Phone 763-413-1979 or email: akbrandner@comcast.net

O. C. Ministries ships supplies to Africa each fall and spring



EMMA NORTON SERVICES SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Please consider donating a gift to be auctioned at the Emma Norton Services Annual Dinner on October 12. All items should be delivered to Emma Norton Services by September 1 with the exception of perishable items which should be delivered to: Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis south, 7800 Normandale Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55439 by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12. Don't know what to donate? Here are some ideas: weekend getaways, gift baskets, gift certificates, theatre tickets, sports tickets to the Vikings, Twins, Wild, Timberwolves and Gophers, autographed books, candles, food items (always popular!), electronic equipment, designer jewelry, hotel packages, new computer, new computer software, DVDs, CDs, children's books and toys, cooking or golf lessons, sporting goods, original artwork. **For a copy of the Merchandise/Service Contribution Form, questions or if you need an item picked up**, please call Jeffrey Prottas, Director, Development and Communications at 651.251.2632 or email at jeff@emmanorton.org.

EMMA NORTON SERVICES 2009 ANNUAL DINNER

"Discovering Emma Norton Services" *Partners Along the Journey of Change....and a Celebration of our Residents*

Monday evening, October 12, 2009

Reception and Silent Auction 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Program 6:30 p.m.

Sheraton – Bloomington, 7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55439

Reservations must be made by contacting Jeffrey Prottas, Director, Development and Communications at 651.251.2632.

There is no cost to attend this event, but RSVPs are required no later than October 5!!!

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING

You're Invited!

**To the 36th Annual Gathering
of the Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women
at Richfield United Methodist Church, 5835 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN
on October 3, 2009**

Join us for fellowship, worship, singing, enrichment sessions, lunch, and a variety of other activities. Andris Salter, the Assistant General Secretary for Membership and Leadership Development, will be joining us from Women's Division to give the keynote address, which is sure to be dynamic and interesting.



Andris has been with the United Methodist Church as a laywoman for 27 years total, and 23 years with Women's Division. She works with conference organizations of United Methodist Women, has lead workshops on racism, financial promotion, goal setting, leadership development, committees on nominations and membership, has taught in Schools of Mission, led retreats, and spoken at annual meetings and other events.

Andris was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia and in the United Methodist Church. She was guided and nurtured into leadership within the United Methodist Church by faithful members.

Two of her favorite scriptures are Genesis 16:1-10 and 2 Samuel 9:1-13. Both scriptures talk about giving back to the community, something instilled in her by the members of her church community.

Her gifts and graces come from the understanding that God is the creator and guide of all things in her life and without God she could do nothing.

Thanks be to God.

HANDS-ON-OFFERING AT STATE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 3, 2009

At The Minnesota Conference of United Methodist Women Annual Meeting being held at Richfield United Methodist Church on October 3, 2009, we are asking for Thanksgiving food items for the Department of Indian Work food shelf. These items will be used in the Thanksgiving food baskets that will be distributed. The list of suggested food items is below.

CANNED ITEMS

Sweet potatoes/yams
Cranberry sauce
Fruit
Corn
Green beans
Pork & beans
Pumpkin

DRY ITEMS

Stuffing mix
Instant potatoes
Jello
Marshmallows

DESSERT ITEMS

Pie filling
Cake mix
Frosting



If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, take the items to you to the Twin Cities Annual Meeting on September 19.

Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women

ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline for both Meeting and Housing – September 19, 2009

Date & Fees

Saturday, October 3, 2009
Registration & Lunch - \$15.00
Friday, October 2, 2009
Bed & Breakfast - \$10.00

Location

Richfield UMC
5835 Lyndale Ave S
Minneapolis
MN 559419

Short Schedule

8:00am Registration
9:00am Opening Session
Lunch
Afternoon Enrichments
Installation of Officers
Closing & Refreshments

Save this portion for reference

Registration sheet required for each participant attending. Registration Deadline: September 19, 2009

DISTRICT _____ CHURCH _____ 1st-time Attendee

NAME _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

Street City Zip

Age Bracket: ___ 15-25 ___ 26-35 ___ 36-45 ___ 46-60 ___ Over 60

Indicate any special needs, including dietary _____

I need child care: ___ Yes ___ No Age of children _____ Please bring a sack lunch for each child

___ \$15.00 individual registration fee enclosed

___ Group registration payment enclosed (one check with a registration form for each person)

HOUSING REGISTRATION

(You will stay overnight with a local family in their home.)

Registration Sheet required for each person. Registration deadline is September 19, 2009.

YOUR NAME _____

Roommate, if any _____

Allergies, medical conditions, etc. _____

___ \$10.00 Housing Registration Fee enclosed

___ Group housing registration payment enclosed (one check with a housing registration form for each person)

*You will be called **only** if housing places are filled: NO CONFIRMATIONS.*

You provide your own Friday dinner.

Make check payable to: MN Conference UMW

Amount enclosed _____ Check # _____

Send completed registration form(s) and payment to:

Faith Buss

4624 Pleasant Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55419

612-825-8386; summer 218-387-2893

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES

The adoption of the following Standing Rules will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Twin Cities United Methodist Women on Saturday, September 19, 2009. The meeting will be held at Brooklyn UMC. For more information on the meeting please see the article on page 4 of this newsletter.

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT UMW STANDING RULES for 2010

Proposed Saturday June 27th, 2009 to be adopted at Annual Meeting September 19, 2009

Committee Jan Bajuniemi, Carol Johanneck, Carolyn Doyle, Phyllis Kieser, Carol Gregorson and Sandra Meyer

The following Standing Rules shall govern the action of the Twin Cities District as long as they are in harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Women's Division.

ARTICLE 1 ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elections shall be by acclamation unless more than one name for an office is presented, in which case a written ballot shall be required.

Section 2. The Committee on Nominations shall present the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee, and the Communications Coordinator shall present them to local units of the Twin Cities District UMW through appropriate media; at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a two-year term to take office January 1 of the following year, alternating as follows:

In even -numbered years;

Vice President

Treasurer

Mission Coordinators-

Spiritual Growth

Education and Interpretation

Secretary of Program Resources

Communications Coordinator

Chairperson of the Nominating Committee

In odd-numbered years;

President

Secretary

Mission Coordinators

Membership Nurture and Outreach

Social Action

Section 3. For an officer to fill an unexpired term of office, if the time to be served be one year or longer, the period to be served shall be considered the first term, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. If the time to be served is less than one year, it shall not constitute a first term.

Section 4. All officers shall be eligible for re-election for one two-year term in the same office.

Section 5. All Conference officers whose home district is the Twin Cities District, and attend executive team meetings or district events shall have expenses paid by the Twin Cities District.

ARTICLE 2 - MEETINGS

Section 1. The date of the Annual Meeting of the Twin Cities District United Methodist Women shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The voting body of the Annual Meeting shall consist of all members of the Twin Cities District UMW who are present.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet three times a year. Two of these meetings shall be held as determined by the Executive Committee (or in case of emergency by the Administrative Committee)

Section 3. Upon approval of the District Executive Committee, District Officers may call together corresponding Local Unit Officers at District expense.

Section 4. All District Officers MUST attend Conference Annual Meetings unless excused by Twin Cities District President.

Section 5. Time allotted to agencies, organizations or groups, for presentation at District events, must be cleared through the Executive/Administrative Committee, at least thirty (30) days prior to the District event.

ARTICLE 3- FUNDS

Section 1. The District unit shall make an annual mission pledge to the Minnesota Conference UMW.

Section 2. All United Methodist Women monies MUST be handled by duly elected treasurers.

Section 3. At the beginning of each quarter the Conference treasurer shall send each district one-fourth of the amount of its Administration and Membership Development Fund's budget, which shall have been approved earlier by the Conference Executive Committee to be disbursed by the Twin Cities District Treasurer for District expenses.

Section 4. Twin Cities AM and D fund shall make the following provisions within the District;

- A. Upon completion of a two-year term in office each elected District Officer shall be given a Special Mission Recognition (pin) and certificate.
- B. A Gift to Mission and certificate shall be given to those officers completing a second two-year term.
- C. Upon completion of a four-year term on the Committee on Nominations a Special Mission Recognition and certificate shall be given.
- D. Upon the death of a District President while in office a Gift in Memory shall be given to the Women's Division.
- E. A Special Mission Recognition shall be given to an appointed District Officer, upon the completion of a four -year term.
- F. Those people who are not part of the District team and are appointed for a year at a time need to be recognized. A Gift to Mission for each year served in a non-elected position shall be given to those who are appointed to positions on special committees.

Section 5. In order to protect appropriation, no appeal for funds shall be made to Local Units, Districts or Conference by an organization or individual, which had not been authorized by the Conference Executive Committee or Administrative Committee.

Section 6. There are no salaries for the Women's Division, Jurisdiction, Conference and District Officers. Their times and talents are voluntary just as those of the Local Officers in the Local Unit. Since this is the case, the expense of any of these officers as speakers to the Local or District Unit shall be paid by the inviting unit. The speaker will be paid at the Conference UMW established mileage rate.

Section 7. Speakers for the District Meeting shall be allowed expenses and given an honorarium.

ARTICLE 4- EXPENSES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Each District Officer shall present her expense account using the official voucher. For reimbursement all expenses must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the event, or reimbursement will be forfeited. Approved expenses are mileage, meals, housing, postage, promotional materials, study books and other pertinent expenses. Each officer will be allowed one large group study book and one other study book for School of Christian Mission.

Section 2. District Officers' expenses when attending a District meeting will be paid providing the officer attends the meeting in its entirety or is excused by the Twin Cities District President. Reservations for lodging and meals for which the District pays will not be made for any person who does not return the reservation form by the designated deadline and, except for sudden illness or death in the immediate family, persons who cancel after the final figures are given to the host group, or who do not honor reservations they have made, will be expected to pay for their own reservations.

Section 3. The District shall pay transportation to members of the District Mission Team to Conference and District Meetings at the Conference UMW established mileage rate.

Section 4. The following expenses will be allowed for District Officers attending meetings required by the Conference or District.

- A. any registration or admission fees.
- B. transportation will be allowed while en route
- C. \$20.00 per day is suggested as reasonable top limit for meals.
- D. Dependent care will be provided at the established conference UMW rate, if volunteer service is unavailable.
- E. Lodging will be provided at the Conference UMW established rate.

ARTICLE 5 - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the District shall be composed of the President, who serves as Chairperson; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations; the four Mission Coordinators; the Communications Coordinator; and the Secretary of Program Resources.

The Executive Committee shall also include members of the Jurisdiction Leadership Team and Directors of the Women's Division on the General Board of Global Ministries residing within the District, and such persons specifically related to the work as the committee may determine.

Members of the Jurisdiction Committee on Nominations residing within the District may serve as members without vote on the District Executive Committee.

Resource people involved with current issues may be appointed to the Executive Committee for one-year terms. The need for continuing these emphases shall be reviewed annually with a four-year limit of service. This service shall not be counted toward tenure as elected officers.

The immediate past president shall remain as an executive committee advisory member with vote for one year. Expenses will be paid to executive committee meetings, Conference Annual Meeting and one session of SCM for a period of one year following the completion of her term of office.

Members of Conference, Women's Division, Jurisdictional, Dean and Assistant Dean residing in the District may serve as members without vote on the Executive Committee. The Bishop and resource people with current issues may be on the committee.

Section 2. The Committee on Nominations of the District shall have rotating a membership of eight (8) divided into four classes. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be elected by the District and at the time of election have 2 or 3 years remaining on the nominating committee,

serving as Chairperson for two years only. The nominating committee shall strive to have diverse representation in matters of employment, age, race and ethnic background.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Rules Committee consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and two others chosen from the Executive Committee. Its duty shall be to bring before the Executive Committee and the Annual Meetings proposals for revision of the District Standing Rules. The President shall appoint its Chairperson. Suggestions for revision or amendments to the District Standing Rules shall be sent in writing to the Chairperson of this Committee 30 days prior to the District Annual Meeting.

Section 4. There shall be a District Publicity Committee composed of the Communications Coordinator as Chairperson, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Mission Coordinator appointed by the President. The exact months of Publication of the TWIN CITIES CONNECTION shall be determined by the Executive Committee and the number of issues shall not exceed four.

Section 5. The Finance Committee of the District shall be composed of the Treasurer who serves as Chairperson, President, Vice President, Secretary, the four Mission Coordinators, Secretary of Program Resources and Communications Coordinator.

ARTICLE 6- SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

All elected and appointed District Officers are required to attend one session of the SCM with their way being paid from District Funds. District President is required to attend the full Conference School of Christian Mission with her way being paid by Conference funds.

ARTICLE 7- CORRESPONDENCE

Section 1. The District President shall be sent a copy of all District mailings and District Executive Committee minutes.

Section 2. Membership Lists - The United Methodist Women do not furnish lists of their elected leaders or members to individuals or agencies outside the organization unless authorized by the Executive Committee.

POLICIES OF THE TWIN CITIES UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Policies of the Twin Cities District January 1-December 31, 2010

To be presented at the September 19, 2009 annual Meeting for approval by membership.

1. Mileage will be paid up to the Conference UMW established rate of 40 cents per mile

Note: The IRS rate for volunteerism is 14 cents per mile, so any amount over 14 cents per mile is considered "income" by the IRS. You may submit mileage reimbursement for any amount up to 40 cents per mile.

2. The Conference UMW has funds to assist District Officers financially to attend Assembly in St. Louis April 29-May 2, 2010. These payments will be made after the Assembly so individuals will need to make their own arrangements and submit for scholarships. The amount of money provided by the Conference will not cover all expenses. The amount from Conference will be divided equally among those who register and make a request by the deadline.

3. Anyone with allowable expenses as stated in the Standing Rules is required to submit an expense voucher to the Treasurer within 30 days of the event or reimbursement will be forfeited.

4. Anyone with allowable expenses is asked to turn in expense vouchers even if you are not asking for reimbursement. It is important that we know the true cost of operating the Twin Cities District and this will assist in that. At any time that you have allowable expenses you are welcome to donate a complete or partial amount of the allowable expenses and submit expense vouchers so it is recorded accurately.

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT COMMITTEES FOR 2010

Administrative Committee is made up of: President (Chairperson), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one other depending on the emergency for which an Administrative Committee meeting is being called.

Executive Committee is made up of: President (Chairperson), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Committee on Nominations, 4 Mission Coordinators, Secretary of Program Resources, Communications Coordinator, Appointed Officers to Walker, Methodist Hospital, and Historian

Program Committee is made up of: Vice President (Chairperson), President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Committee on Nominations, 4 Mission Coordinators, Secretary of Program Resources, and the Communications Coordinator.

Finance Committee is made up of: Treasurer (Chairperson), President, Vice President, Secretary, 4 Mission Coordinators, Secretary of Program Resources, and the Communications Coordinator.

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<i>Membership, Nurture & Outreach</i>	Carolyn Doyle	763-571-4589	No email	Fridley	2 nd yr of 1 st 2 yr
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	Sue Vang	651-442-2021	Suevang0001@gmail.com		

These names will be presented at the Twin Cities District Annual Meeting on September 19, 2009. Please review the list and come prepared to participate in the election of officers. For more information about the Annual Meeting, please see the article on page 4.

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Calendar of Events Twin Cities District UMW

2009 Twin Cities District UMW Calendar

August 8, 2009 Church Women United Annual Meeting at Moravian Church in Chaska

August 15, 2009 TC Executive Planning Meeting Brooklyn UMC Brooklyn Center

September 19, 2009 TC Annual Meeting Brooklyn UMC Brooklyn Center

September 26, 2009 Mini School of Mission at Lake Harriet UMC

October 3, 2009 MN Conference Annual Meeting Richfield UMC Minneapolis

October 12, 2009 Emma Norton Services Annual Dinner at Sheraton Bloomington

October 24-25, 2009 DOTE (District Officers Training Event)

November 21, 2009 TC Executive Retreat/Planning at Normandale Hylands UMC in Bloomington.